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The New Jersey Blasphemy Trial.

It is not often that the INTELLIGENCER is

able to agree with Colonel Ingersoll, but

believing that some things cannot be ac-

complished by law and ought not to be

attempted, we are obliged to regard as one

of the absurdities of the times the blas-

phemy trial just ended in Morristown, New

Jersey. The law is vindicated; and as to

the hubbub the wretched culprit is fined

\$25.00 and costs, and so much as it can do

the State of New Jersey has done to de-

fend from attack the Omnipotent God and

to punish for "continually reproach-

ing" the Christian religion. The offense

was committed through a published

pamphlet which came within the blas-

phemy statute.

The jury was right to convict. As the

judge pointed out, the law was not dead

or obsolete. Though the product of col-

onial times, it was re-enacted in 1844 and

again in 1874 through a revision of the

statutes. The court was able to point fur-

ther to the fact that though the Legisla-

ture had been in session since the indict-

ment, no suggestion had been made to

cancel the law. Therefore it was reasonable

to regard the law as representing the

sentiment of the people. This was sound

reasoning, and the law being clear and

the offense established, nothing

remained for the jury but to convict.

Ingersoll was right when he addressed

himself to the absurdity and tyrannical

nature of the law. And herein largely is

the mischief of such a statute, and of a

prosecution under it. It gives to men of

Ingersoll's talent and destructive tenden-

cies a chance to appeal to the common

sense of propriety, of fairness, of justice;

to put beautifully and strikingly thought

and settled principles from which scarcely

any freeman will dissent; and on this

basis to erect a superstructure of highly

ornamented error, the true being used to

support the false. More than this, men

of the Ingersoll kind are given a chance

to ask unceasingly whether God is so weak

as to be a being and the religion of the Bible

so faulty an affair, that neither can endure

without bridling the tongue by statute or

cutting it out by the roots. Without the

sneering we are prompted to ask the same

question.

It shocks the moral sensibility to hear

or read blasphemous utterances, but if the

blasphemer cannot be quieted by a mild re-

buke, or by other gentle means be brought

to realize the error of his way, it were

better to leave him to settle the account

with his Maker, who knows all things and

is equal to all things. New Jersey law

has made a blasphemer pay \$25 and costs,

and there is not a man or woman in that

State or out of it who conscientiously be-

lieves that the cause of truth, as it is re-

vealed in God's Word, has been advanced

in any degree by the trial, the conviction

and the sentence. Not a blasphemer in

New Jersey or out of it has been convinced

of anything more than the one fact that in

New Jersey the blasphemy statute is not

dead nor sleeping.

Ingersoll would grow very fast if

prosecutions of this kind were numerous.

The law which makes them possible is not

worthy of a free, God-fearing people. It

is in its nature a barbarism.

Mr. George and the Pope.

The letter of the Pope to Archbishop

Corrigan, touching the McGinnis affair,

is regarded by Mr. Henry George as not

amounting to much. Mr. George loses no

opportunity to speak disrespectfully of the

head of the Roman Catholic Church. He

seems to forget that a large part of the

people to whom he addresses himself venerate

the Sovereign Pontiff as indeed the Holy

Father, while those Protestants are few

who take pleasure in disrespectful al-

lusions to a Christian gentleman held in

so high esteem by a large body of their

countrymen.

Mr. George is far from being an ignorant

man. He knows that a man who as soci-

ates himself with other men gives up

something of his personal liberty without

necessarily yielding anything of his man-

hood. This Mr. George does when he con-

sents to live in civilized society and enjoy

its advantages. Many things he might do

in a state of nature are now forbidden to

him. The rule of law has supplanted the

rule of nature, and Mr. George submits,

thinking himself no less a man because he

is a party to the civil compact.

His Father McGinnis had belonged to a

New York regiment and treated his Col-

onel as he has the Bishop, he would have

been brought up suddenly with a round

turn. It is no wonder that "talk back" be-

would have done it on the outside. So

with almost every other organization of

the kind that might have been a member.

The Church of Rome has been gentle, lenient

and long-enduring with Dr. McGinnis,

who has been left with nothing whatever

to stand on as a priest of that church.

Justice and Politics in Mississippi.

A correspondent of the New York

Evening Post writes to say that a colored

teacher in Mississippi indicted for raising

his pay accounts, having a colored lawyer

for his counsel, was acquitted by a white

jury. Upon this the Mississippi writer

remarks: "What a pity for the negro's

sake, that Cleveland was elected!"

From what is known of the article of

Mississippi justice noted out to the col-

ored man, it is fair to presume that the ac-

cused must have made out a clean bill of

health for himself, or he would not have

been convicted. But the inference to be

drawn from the exclamatory reference

to Cleveland is that his election was in

some way connected with the unwilling-

## OUIDA'S RUDENESS.

Overbearing manner of the Novelist, and

Something About Her Books.

San Francisco Chronicle.

Mrs. Ouida commenced operations by

arriving very late for dinner without mak-

ing an attempt at an apology, and on be-

ing introduced to Mrs. Lynn Linton, an

author of fair fame and gentle

birth, she condescendingly expressed

some recollection that they had met be-

fore, which introductory remark was fol-

lowed in high-pitched, grating voice by

the order, "Sit down," and talk to me,

which command was, however, disobeyed

by the elder lady, who said she preferred

to stand. At dinner Ouida pursued a

systematic course of rudeness by ques-

tioning, disarranging, and finally declin-

ing each of the numerous delicate offers

of her. Before leaving the dining-room

she requested Mr. Campbell to read to

her her carriage "at once," which was

done, but as she was about to make her

exit Mrs. Campbell informed her that a young

man in the drawing room who particu-

larly wished to have the honor of

knowing Mrs. Ouida, at which informa-

tion the lady forgot her temper, hurried

up stairs and flung herself into a large

chair in a most comical and ungraceful

manner, where she remained until a late

hour.

Mrs. Ouida possesses beautiful hands

and arms and feet and ankles, but is

otherwise hideous in mien, and now that

she no longer conceals her face from the

public she is a most repulsive sight.

The inimitable Worth her appearance

leaves much to be desired in the matter

of taste.

A Human Sacrifice.

A strange story of human sacrifice comes

from the Madras Presidency. A woman

was supposed to be possessed with a devil

and in consequence to have remained in-

fernal. Her father consulted an exorcist

who said that a human sacrifice was nec-

essary. Accordingly one night her father,

the exorcist and five or six others met

at the residence of the woman, and the

latter was selected for the sacrifice. The

suspicious neighbors, who were with

him, were then taken to the house, and

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